GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MANUFACTURE OF CONDOMS IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 1.38 crore condoms manufactured by Hindustan Latex Limited have been pumped into at the rate of six lakh per district;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has decided to supply the condoms earmarked for `Social Marketing` for free distribution;

(c) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has 6,692 HIV positive cases out of total 76,481 reported in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the State Government to prevent the AIDS spreading in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Supplies of condoms (Nirodh) under the scheme of free supply are made on the basis of utilisation in previous year as reported by State Governments and upon available budgetary resources. So far, during the current year, 2.5 crore pieces of condoms have been supplied to Andhra Pradesh. The State has been allocated 4.0 crore pieces for the whole year.

(b) The State Government has purchased 25 lakh pieces of condoms from M/s. Hindustan Latex Ltd for distribution through District Leprosy Officers (DLOs) who are Nodal Officers at District level to sell the condoms to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under the scheme for Social Marketing. The State Government has also instructed DLOs to distribute condoms free of cost during Janamabhoomi and other health related programmes.

(c) As per information on 30th June, 2000, there were 6,944 HIV positive cases in Andhra Pradesh out of total of 98,451 cases in the country.

(d) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country (including Andhra Pradesh) as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consists of:-

Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC), awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.
Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.
Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sectors.